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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: CYRPUS DEVELOPMENTS

1. CYPRUS CRISIS DEVELOPMENTS DOMINATED THE TURKISH MEDIA THURSDAY TO THE VIRTUAL EXCLUSION OF OTHER NEWS. BANNER HEADLINES FOCUSSED MAINLY ON PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S TRIP TO LONDON. OTHER WIDELY CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORIES INCLUDED THE NATO COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE MAKARIOS GOVT ON THE ISLAND AND AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S MEETING WEDNESDAY WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. A FEW PAPERS, INCLUDING MODERATE MILLIYET AND CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN CARRIED A FRONT PAGE REPORT THAT TURKISH RADIO IN CYPRUS HAD ACCUSED REBEL FORCES ON THE ISLAND OF PREPARATIONS TO ATTACH THE TURKISH COMMUNITIES THERE. SENSATIONALIST LUNAYDIN CARRIED A FRONT PAGE BANNER

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HEADLINE THAT "GREECE PLANNED ALIGHTING WAR AGAINST TURKEY."

THE SOURCE OF THE STORY WAS NOT STATED AND DETAILS OF THE ALLEGED PLAN WERE UNCLEAR.

3. IN EDITORIALS AND COMMENT, HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY, ASKED" "WHAT WILL AMERICA GAIN BY SUPPORTING US? NOTHING. ON THE CONTRARY...SHE BELIEVES SHE CAN SAVE NATO FROM BEING DISSOLVED AND CAN ACT MORE EFFECTIVELY IN SOLVING THE ISSUE BY TRYING TO BE SEEN AS IMPARTIAL..... NOW, WE ARE CONSIDERED RIGHT IN THE EYES OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. WE MUST MAINTAIN THIS CONSIDERATION. BUT WHEN THE TIME COMES TO DECIDE, WE MUST SET SAIL WITHOUT DEPENDING ON ANYBODY."

4. KORAY DUZGOREN WRITING IN GUNAYDIN DECLARED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE AMERICAN POSITION IS AS YET UNCLEAR, "IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT AMERICA IS SUPPORTING THE JUNTA AND WILL CHALLENGE ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN CYPRUS.

.....THE VIEWS OF AMERICA ON CYPRUS ARE NO LONGER IMPORTANT. FOR THE (TURKISH) GOVT, WHICH IS DETERMINED TO FOLLOW A DIGNIFIED FOREIGN POLICY, HAS GIVEN UP PRESCRIBED CYPRUS DIPLOMACY FOR GOOD. FROM NOW ON, THE OBJECT IS TO PROTECT OUR OWN INTERESTS IN THE MOST REALISTIC WAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND RULES."
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